



DODDINGTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS SUMMER 2012

DIARY DATES

6 July @ 6:30pm
Youth Club Hog
Roast,
Bridgemere School
Tickets £4 Diane
07899 851267 (or
pay on the night)
*Please try to attend
we need your
support!*

7 July @ 6:30pm
Beetle Drive,
Blakenhall & District
Village Hall

9 July @ 7:30pm
Parish Council
Meeting,
Blakenhall & District,
Village Hall

17 Sept @ 7:30pm
Parish Council
Meeting,
Bridgemere School

28 Sept
Inter Parish Quiz,
Blakenhall & District,
Village Hall

7 Oct Harvest
Festival
St John's Church

Every Sunday
Service @11am
St John's Church,
Doddington

Hello,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chairman of Doddington and District Parish Council (PC).

We will be sending a more comprehensive newsletter each quarter and would like your input. Please send any contributions by email to the Clerk to the PC, Mr Ralph Bason at ralphbason@aim.com or telephone him on 01270 567462.

We are now looking to the future within our parish and feel it important to aim for cohesion; bringing residents together, informing you of what is happening and asking what you want and expect from your PC.

We are so privileged to live in such a beautiful area and I'm very proud to be a part of it. For those of you who may not know; the parish encompasses Doddington, Hunsterson, Bridgemere, Lea, Blakenhall and Checkley with approximately 200 houses and 500 residents.

The PC meet every third Monday of every other month either at Bridgemere school or Blakenhall & District Village Hall. Notice of meetings and councillors' names are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

Agenda Points Include



Planning

Highways

Footpaths

Finance

Correspondence

We welcome residents at our meetings. I think this is how the majority of our volunteer councillors became involved!

Please do join us at our next meeting on Monday, 9 July at 7.30pm at Blakenhall & District Village Hall (note this is the second Monday of the month, not third). You are welcome to listen at the meeting, but we would be delighted to see you informally and hear your views afterwards.

The PC have a website, www.parish.cheshire.gov.uk/doddington, but I apologise that it is out of date as we are considering its renewal over the next few months. Please do take some time to look at it and you will see a little more of what we do along with some links. If you wish to know more about how parish councils operate visit www.chalc.org.uk.

You will have recently received, and hopefully completed, a Local Housing Needs Assessment. This is a very important survey and for those who have not completed it I would urge you to do so. It will give an overall picture of parishioners' views on whether or not there is a requirement for further housing. The more responses we have will naturally provide the majority view. It is important that the PC are able to provide robust evidence of local needs in the event that we are challenged in the future regarding potential development applications. If you have concerns about housing within your parish one of the only ways to make your voice heard is to fill in the survey. Please contact Mr Ralph Bason (see above for contact details) and he can arrange for any outstanding forms to be collected.

Kind regards ,

Chris

Leighton,

Chairman





BLAKENHALL AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

IDEAL FOR PARTIES, CELEBRATIONS, MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, CLASSES.

Our new village hall on Mill Lane, Blakenhall is fully functional. All we need now are users. If you are planning a party, celebration, meeting, presentation, maybe want to start a class or attend one of our events, please consider the hall, as the committee has worked very hard raising £180,000 for building and fitting out costs.

For bookings please contact: Diane Brindley 07899 851267.

Your village hall has a full sound system, projector with screen, a commercial kitchen, air conditioning, disabled toilets, baby changing facilities.

The hall seats 80, has 12 trestle tables plus 12 card tables.

**STOP PRESS
Come to our HOG ROAST
6 July @ 6.30pm (see
'Diary Dates' overleaf)**

We are also looking for volunteers to help out or join the committee. If you have time, drive, great ideas and want a thriving village hall

WE NEED YOU! Please contact our Chairman, Dave Lane:
chairman@ourcommunityhall.org



Youth Club. Children age 7 to 12 meet every Friday at the hall or the school field, weather dependant. Come along and join in the fun. Meet other children from your area. Make friends.

Table football, air hockey, skittles, crafts, games and more ... Call or email Helen Sage on 07725 314151 or

helen.sage@yahoo.co.uk

BRIDGEMERE SCHOOL

I am delighted to announce that Bridgemere School is performing well under the guidance of Head Teacher, Jane Dickinson, with the Nursery and Bubbles Pre-school achieving an Ofsted Report: Outstanding in Early Years.

There are places available in the Nursery and Reception Classes.

Did you know that there is a Friends of Bridgemere group? Find out more on the school web site.

There is also a weekly newsletter visit the website to get the latest news.

www.bridgemerece.cheshire.sch.uk



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, DODDINGTON

Are you aware of our beautiful church on the Doddington Estate. St John's is tucked away off Bridgemere Lane in a beautiful, tranquil setting. Services are held at 11am each Sunday, last for around one hour and all are welcome. Tea and coffee are served after the service. Helen Chantry is the Vicar and covers Audlem and St Chad's churches too, she is soon to be joined by the Rev Jules Walker who will be ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral on 1 July. It has been a busy year for St. John's with weddings and baptisms 'we are here to serve the community'

If you wish to subscribe to the parish magazine please contact **John Evans on 01270 841463** or our **Vicar, Helen Chantry 01270 811543.** www.stjohnsdoddington.org.uk